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SUBJECT: SOVIET HIJACKER SENTENCED BY SWEDISH COURT

REFS: (A) STOCKHOLM 2273, (B) STOCKHOLM 2493, (C) STOCKHOLM 2685

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: VASILJ SOSNOVSKIJ, THE SOVIET CITIZEN WHO HIJACKED AN AEROFLOT DOMESTIC FLIGHT ON MAY 26 AND FORCED THE PLANE TO LAND IN STOCKHOLM (REF A), WAS SENTENCED BY A SWEDISH COURT JULY 27 TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON. THE PROSECUTOR HAD REQUESTED A HEAVIER SENTENCE, MAINTAINING THAT SOSNOVSKIJ, EVEN THOUGH UNARMED, HAD ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW. THE COURT, THOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROSECUTOR'S POINT, DEMURRED FROM PASSING A STRICTER SENTENCE.

2. THE SOVIETS HAD DEMANDED SOSNOVSKIJ'S EXTRADITION, WHICH THE GOS REFUSED (REFS B AND C). UNDER EXISTING SWEDISH
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REGULATIONS, SOSNOVSKIJ CAN BE PAROLED AFTER LESS
THAT TWO YEARS. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: THE SOVIETS WERE UPSET BY THE SUCCESSFUL HIJACKING AND THE REFUSAL OF SWEDEN TO EXTRADITE. IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT HIJACKING OF AN AEROFLOT PLANE WHICH ENDED IN HELSINKI (BUT WHICH

HAS SWEDEN AS ITS GOAL), THE SOVIETS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY
TAKING LITTLE COMFORT IN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE
MILD SENTENCE GIVEN SOSNOVSKIJ.
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